PhD Theses in IRIS - Institutional Archive

Upload, mandatory deposit and copyright issues at Unitn

PART 1 – Copyright issues
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Authors’ rights: Italian legal system

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Authors’ rights: moral

Moral rights

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• transcription
• performing, showing or playing the work in public
• broadcasting or other types of public communication (includes putting copyright material on the internet)
• distribution
• translation
• adaptation (also of a software)
• renting or lending
PhD Theses and authorship

Q: Who is the author of the thesis?
A: The student who writes the thesis.

his/her moral & economic rights as author must be respected

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must respect the moral & economic rights of the works he/she cites/includes in the thesis and not anticipate without permission news or information about projects carried on by third parties
Plagiarism and scientific misconduct vs. research integrity - 1

Plagiarize = ”to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own: use (another's production) without crediting the source; to commit literary theft: present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source” (Merriam Webster, online edition).
ALSO web contents may be plagiarized.
It is a criminal offence.

http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/52919/rights-and-duties-of-doctoral-students:

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See also: the internal rules of each specific PhD programme, Unitn Code of ethics, the Regulations for Students of the University of Trento and Unite Students Honour Code.
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Plagiarism and scientific misconduct vs. research integrity - 3

How to avoid plagiarism:

• Respect moral and economic rights of the authors quoted and cited in the thesis
• Do not include patents which are not public yet, or news or information about projects by third parts and/or trade secrets.

➢ Cite and quote all the bibliographic sources, photos, graphs, both digital and printed (footnotes/end of chapter + bibliography), even if you do not directly reproduce a part of the work but you are only paraphrasing it

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Quotations, images, graphs - 2

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12th December 2019

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How to search for images by type of license

Google search results for "hydropeaking flow alterations" with filters applied for "Usage rights" to show images not filtered by license and labeled for reuse with modification.
Copyright on images and related rights

Here are some links about REPRODUCTION of copyrighted graphic material and, more in general, on related rights (film, music, ...):

- Copyright Notice: digital images, photographs and the internet
- Image citation rights (UBC)
- Photos of artistic works; copyright around the world
- The Best Ways to Be Sure You’re Legally Using Online Photos
(large part of) articles

They can be covered by:
- authors’ rights
- publishers’ rights

You can have a first glimpse of a publisher’s policy in Sherpa/Romeo website.

a) written by authors different from the student
   • ALWAYS ASK THE PUBLISHER FOR WRITTEN PERMISSION

b) written (also) by the student
   • (WELL BEFORE inserting the text in your thesis) ALWAYS ANALYZE THE CONTRACT SUBSCRIBED WITH THE PUBLISHER (verify if and which rights were transferred to the publisher)
   • UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALWAYS ASK THE PUBLISHER FOR WRITTEN PERMISSION

AVOID REPRODUCTION OF ENTIRE ARTICLES. Just quote or summarize.
Publishers’ policies about OA

BEFORE PUBLISHING A PAPER (= transferring all your author’s rights)
FIND OUT if a publisher allows self-archiving:

See Sherpa e RoMEO projects:

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Sensitive data

Sensitive data is data revealing, or referring to, or relating to:

- racial or ethnic origin
- political opinions
- religious or philosophical beliefs
- trade union membership
- financial information
- health or sex life
- offences
- criminal convictions or security measures
- children
- Social Security Numbers
- insurance numbers or any government-issued ID numbers
- certain geolocation data

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The PhD student is the owner of the rights UNLESS his/her research has been financed by third parties. In this case, **we must refer to the contract signed with the funding institution/centre/foundation** to know which economic rights are retained by whom.

If a tutor and his/her research group signed a contract with funding agencies imposing secrecy restrictions, the **thesis cannot made be publicly available**.

ASK YOUR TUTOR !!!!
Patenting and OA

Patents are legal titles that protect inventions. They give their holder a temporary private right to prevent others from using his patented invention. The patent system thus promotes innovation by financially rewarding inventors. In exchange for this exclusive right, the patent holder must publicly disclose details of the invention.

Patentable material: innovative ideas, new solutions to a problem which can be technologically transferred for public benefit (industrial development).

If a PhD thesis contains patentable material, THE VERY CLOSED DOOR DEFENCE ITSELF can forbid or prevent patentability. Better ask your tutor!

Therefore, it is not the Open Access option in itself to be against patentability.

REMEMBER TO ASK PATENTABILITY WELL BEFORE YOUR DEFENCE (not to mention OA dissemination and/or commercial publishing). AFTER depositing the patent, you CAN upload your thesis in an Open Access archive.
Patenting: requirements

How can you verify if your material is really innovative and a similar patent has not been deposited yet? Use:

**Espacenet (European Patent Office)**
**Google Patents** (only for U.S. patents)

Not everything you need can be found in these databases, because:

a. patent applications are normally published **18 months** after their first filing date
b. parts of the innovative research could be excluded from the deposited patent (there could be more information than what has been patented)

So, for further information you can ask Unitn patent office staff:

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Thesis upload and ISBN

- PhD theses are **publicly available at Florence and Rome National Libraries**. In this sense they are “publications” (= made public).
- According to Unitn “Regolamento di ateneo in materia di dottorato di ricerca” (art. 35) and “Deposit Disclaimer”, PhD students must upload their theses in IRIS and guarantee the perfect correspondence between the content of the electronic copy of the self-archived thesis and the one defended during the final examination.
- ISBN was created in 1965-67 to rationalize the computerized management and commerce of books, by univocally identifying each sample of a book printed edition using a standardized numerical code. Although not mandatory, ISBN has lately become essential for a book which is about to enter commercial distribution channels.
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- **In IRIS you must upload the thesis in the form it was defended:** which means - in most cases – without ISBN.
PART TWO

b. Open Access and authors’ rights
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- **public security reasons** (if the content can put at risk national or public security)
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- **patentable contents** (see slides 36-37)
OA and authors’ rights

moral and economic rights – **RETAI**NED

- **Italian copyright law (L633 - 22/04/1941)**
- **Creative Commons** / **Science Commons**

- **Stevan Harnad** (University of Southampton): easier to detect plagiarism on the web (digital form) than in print.
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Diffusion/publication on the web *does not* enhance plagiarism

- It is just a fallacy
- On the contrary: it is easier to detect plagiarism on the web
- The biggest deterrent is the judgment of a researcher’s (web) scientific community

Works on the Internet *are* protected

- Each work published on the web is protected exactly as its analogical counterpart
- It is a fallacy to believe that everything you find on the web is in public domain !!!
- “Open Access” means not “public domain” !!!
- What you find on the web is freely readable, downloadable, quotable, but you can not (re)use it or insert it in derived works without written permission (if not otherwise stated; es. Creative Commons)
OA and PUBLISHING CONTRACTS (CTA)

Is Open Access compatible with commercial publishing?

WHAT EVERY AUTHOR SHOULD KNOW

- In order to publish, it is not necessary to sell all economic rights to a publisher, who just needs the right to publish.
- Unfortunately, most Copyright Transfer Agreements and contracts envisage these clauses.
- The author has better propose a publishing addendum in which he/she retains some rights for teaching (lecture notes, lessons, …), research purposes (re-publish (part of) the work in other ways: antologies, collections, proceedings, …; re-elaborations; … ) and OA dissemination in an institutional or subject-based repository.
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- If there is no publishing contract, the author is free to reuse and republish his/her works.
Authors, know your rights!

Conosci i tuoi diritti

Diritto d'autore

(edited by A. De Robbio, University of Padua)
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c. PhD Theses and mandatory deposit through OA
Mandatory deposit (Florence, Rome and Trento)

- \textbf{L 15 aprile 2004, n. 106}
- Law implementation guidelines: \textbf{D.P.R. 3 maggio 2006, n. 252}

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- Mandatory deposit for PhD Theses Project
- Mandatory deposit for born digital resources Project
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Tools and policies in depth

- Unitn deposit disclaimer
- Unitn PhD policy (in Italian)
- CRUI Guidelines (in Italian)
- Universities applying CRUI PhD Guidelines
- Doctoral Thesis and authors' rights (in Italian)
- PhD Theses and copyright (in Italian)
- Mandatory deposit and automatic harvesting (in Italian)
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